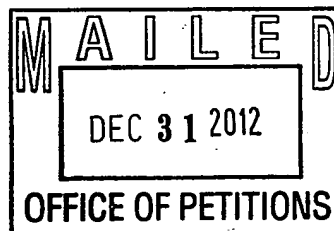




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This is a decision on the petition to reinstate an expired patent under 37 CFR 1.378(c), filed December 3, 2012.

The petition under 37 CFR 1.378(c) is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified patent issued April 18, 2000. Accordingly, the third maintenance fee could have been paid during the period from April 18, 2011 through October 18, 2011 without surcharge, or with a late payment surcharge during the period from October 19, 2011 through April 18, 2012. No maintenance fee having been received, the patent expired on April 19, 2012.

Since the instant petition was filed within twenty-four months after the six-month grace period provided in 37 CFR 1.362(e), the petition was timely filed under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.378(c). The maintenance fee in this case is accepted and the above-identified patent is hereby reinstated as of the mail date of this decision.

The file does not indicate a change of address has been submitted, although the address given on the petition differs from the address of record. If appropriate, a change of address should be filed in accordance with MPEP 601.03. A courtesy copy of this decision is being mailed to the address given on the petition.

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